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1 message

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**David Kamrowski - 5PSSCB** <david.kamrowski@gsa.gov>

Thu, Mar 20, 2014 at 6:51 AM

To: Steven Yamasaki - 5PSS3P1 <steven.yamasaki@gsa.gov>, Kathern Williams - 5P2PQBC  
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Tue, May 13, 2014 at 3:53 PM

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Date: Wed, May 7, 2014 at 9:02 AM  
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**From:** Mike Ramey [mailto:mramey@ramservices.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 07, 2014 7:48 AM  
**To:** Candice Taylor  
**Cc:** Kielczewski, Daniel G.  
**Subject:** FW: building #1 walkway

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**From:** Mike Ramey  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:19 AM  
**To:** 'Tony Taylor'  
**Subject:** building #1 walkway

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**RE: CAASTI concrete in main walkway Bldg 1**

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**Tony Taylor** <TTaylor@caasti.com>

Tue, Apr 1, 2014 at 3:33 PM

To: Kathern Williams - 5P2PQBC &lt;kathern.williams@gsa.gov&gt;

Cc: Steven Yamasaki - 5PSS3P1 &lt;steven.yamasaki@gsa.gov&gt;, ctaylor@caasti.com

Hello Kathern,

That is precisely what I was calling you about. We are currently having our computer system worked on so I haven't consistently been able to send and receive emails. Our team was onsite last week to look at the walkway area in front of bldg. #1, and found no evidence of cement heaving. However, they did notice where some of the joints and stones had been damaged from the snow removal methods. It appears that they were using blades of some sort for snow removal which damaged some of the joints and chipped some of the stones. This was very disheartening considering all of the work that was put into getting those stones in and protecting them in the process. Not to mention the fact that they were very expensive, and we haven't been paid for them yet. I will send you the supporting site pictures tomorrow.

Thanks.

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**From:** Kathern Williams - 5P2PQBC [mailto:kathern.williams@gsa.gov]**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 3:06 PM**To:** Tony Taylor; Steven Yamasaki - 5PSS3P1

**Subject:** Re: CAASTI concrete in main walkway Bldg 1

Tony,

Per our conversation, you stated they your team will go out and look at the concrete. Please give me an estimated date of when your team will address this issue?

Thank you.

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On Tue, Apr 1, 2014 at 1:36 PM, Kathern Williams - 5P2PQBC <kathern.williams@gsa.gov> wrote:

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From: **Steven Yamasaki - 5PSS3P1** <steven.yamasaki@gsa.gov>

Date: Thu, Mar 20, 2014 at 8:03 AM

Subject: Re: CAASTI concrete in main walkway Bldg 1

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Cc: Kathern Williams - 5PSSPP <kathern.williams@gsa.gov>, Robert Potter <robert.potter@gsa.gov>, Steve Adams <act1001@aol.com>, Jerry Carter <Jerry.Carter@smithgroupjir.com>

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Steve,

You do know this is due to the non sealant of these expansion joints.  
Its a possibility that the slabs will drop back in place in the summer. If this is the case they should be caulked at that time and not go through another winter.

Steve Adams

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